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1. Dutch conditions for Indonesian discussions--US Ambassador Baruch reports that the Netherlands Cabinet has approved a reply to the US proposals for an Indonesian settlement. Baruch has been informed the Dutch will insist, as conditions for a resumption of negotiations with the Indonesian Republic, that the US plan be modified in order to: (a) ensure that Dutch and Indonesian foreign policy be in harmony; and (b) provide that Indonesian elections will be held only after a restoration of law and order. According to the Dutch Foreign Office, Foreign Minister Stikker regards these terms as indispensable both to the negotiations and his own participation in the Dutch Cabinet.

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2. AUSTRIA: US position on renewing Austrian treaty negotiations--The Department of State has informed US Legation Vienna of its view that a reopening of Austrian treaty negotiations will not be feasible until the Berlin situation is further clarified. The Department indicates, however, that the US is prepared to renew these negotiations at the first favorable moment and that the UK and France agree in principle with this view.

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